REMARKS

Claims 1-3, 5-10 and 12-15 were acted upon in the aforesaid Office Action. Claims 2-4 and 7-25 have been cancelled, leaving claims 1, 5 and 6 for further consideration.

Claim 1 stands rejected under 35 U.S.C. 112 for inclusion of language related to a blank being subjected to "folding". The word "folding" has been deleted from claim 1.

Claim 1 stands further rejected under 35 U.S.C. 112 for including the phrase "further processed by other processing lines". This phrase has been deleted from claim 1.

Claims 1, 5 and 6 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. 112 for inclusion in claim 1 of quoted language in lines 2-4, 6, and 10-11. The referred to language has been deleted from claim 1.

Claims 1, 5 and 6 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as anticipated by U.S. 2003/0206211 – Baron.

Claim 1 has been amended to be limited to a method for producing blanks from workpieces wherein the workpieces are <u>cut</u> as they are passed through a processing line.

Baron relates to a method, a system and an impact head for <u>printing</u> and <u>scoring</u> "media". The scoring is accomplished in conjunction with printing and consists of perforating with at least one pin. The perforation(s) are said to weaken the media along a region or line for subsequent separation. The media is said to be sufficiently weakened that under tensile, torsional, folding, or shear forces the media would tend to tear at the score. The scoring is suggested as a means to form a fold line. The scoring may be done concurrently with printing.

Thus, systems for cutting and systems for scoring are two different systems and one would not appear to suggest another.

Accordingly, it is believed that the formal problems with claim 1 have been rectified and that the cited art fails to show or suggest the content of amended claim 1, and that claim 1 should be deemed allowable.

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Claims 5 and 6 depend from claim 1 and would appear to be allowable, at least through dependency.

Allowance of claims 1, 5 and 6 are therefore most respectfully requested.

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